



Trips and Activities

These last three weeks of term are very busy with many trips and activities. We will endeavour to share as many of these as we can in both the newsletter and on Twitter.

On Monday we welcomed our exchange students from China who were on their annual visit. This year's visit was shorter than usual but we were pleased that they were still able to spend part of the day with us, and they were grateful for our hospitality. This annual exchange is something we have done for many years now in conjunction with Jack Hunt School.

Admission Appeals

We are now oversubscribed with applications for places at the school and a consequence of this is that next Friday we have appeal hearings for places in Year 7. This is an unfortunate aspect of being a successful and popular school but can also be interpreted as an indication of our success.

It does mean that when current Year 5 students make their applications next term they must put us as first choice to ensure a place for the following September.

Next Week

Our Cadets will be on their annual Camp in Norfolk and our Geographers will be in Wales. We will also be arranging for students to meet ahead of the Activities Day the following week, so that they have the relevant information for the activity they have chosen. On Tuesday we welcome students from across the city who are coming to our Student Leadership Conference. Next week's newsletter will be the final one for this year and will include arrangements for the last week of term and the start of next term. Please keep these safe.

Parent Governor Election

We have 2 vacancies for Parent Governor and have received 4 nominations. The candidate statements are on the website:

<http://www.stjohnfisherschool.org.uk/school-information/governors/parent-governor-elections/> and the voting paper is at the end of this newsletter. You may vote for two candidates but only one voting slip per family. Votes should be returned to the school and must be received by 9am on Monday 16 July 2018.

Sean Hayes



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Duke of Edinburgh Awards - Congratulations!

Last weekend, six intrepid Bronze award candidates from Year 10 were assessed by an official D of E assessor as they walked a pre-planned 24 km route in two days. The expedition required participants to walk and camp for two days with the minimum of help from staff. It involved much preparation, with the group learning how to use various navigational techniques to walk in open countryside and various other essential skills. The expedition was made more difficult by the hot weather, in fact it was so hot that they were up at 6am the next day and started walking by 8:30 to try to avoid the hottest part of the day!

The group also had to cook a substantial meal on small camping stoves and they excelled themselves, cooking an impressive array of meals on their tiny stoves. Even Spam was involved!

All the participants worked extremely well together, carrying kit and sharing roles. They walked for about 5 hours each day with fully loaded rucksacks, some were bigger than the walkers! Everyone managed to get from the start to finish - this was not a race but more of a mini marathon. No blisters were reported and the group worked very well together.

The assessor was very impressed with the group as they demonstrated independence, maturity, grit and team spirit and were a credit to our school community. Well done to: Eromu Ehwerhemuepha, Urte Cibityte, Isabelle Martin, Erin O'Shea, Grace Simpson and Bruno Walewski. Students will now produce a slide show on their expedition, which will be uploaded onto electronic record books. They will also complete the three other sections of the Award: skills, volunteering and physical recreation and will gain the full Bronze award in September.

A very big thank you goes to Mrs Reid for giving up so much of her spare time to make D of E happen. D of E would not run without her voluntary help.

Mr Jones, D of E Co-ordinator

Australia win the Worldcup!

After two weeks' worth of games and over 100 students participating in this year's St John Fisher World Cup. We saw the final two teams Australia v Brazil compete to win the trophy. After a very closely played



out game it finished as a draw resulting in sudden death penalties with Australia (Year 7) eventually beating Brazil (Year 9). Well done to everyone who took part in the tournament.

Year 7 Trip to Ferry Meadows

Year 7 students recently visited Ferry Meadows to explore the eco-system and complete a weather based investigation. Some student comments are below:

"I enjoyed going around the forests and visiting the different sites around Ferry Meadows. We used different equipment like an anemometer, thermometer and a compass. The weather was nice and warm" *Hajirah Mansha*.

"The trip was fun and entertaining and a great way to end the week. I had lots of fun going around Ferry Meadows but it was very tiring, apart from that I had great fun and would recommend doing it again" *Shayne Hutchinson*.

Let's Talk with the Vice Chancellor of the University of Cambridge

On Monday 2 July Year 12 had a talk with Professor Stephen Toope, who is the Vice Chancellor of the University of Cambridge. He is a scholar specialising in human rights, public international law and international regulations, and has been the vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge since 1 October 2017. He came in to talk to Year 12 about his successful career and also give us a lot of advice on how we can become successful in life. He talked about his life, and all the different places he had been for his job. In 1994 he was a delegate on the UN's observer mission to the first post-apartheid (after the segregation of white and black people) South African General Election. He said that seeing the different ethnicities going to vote together was an amazing sight to see. He told Year 12 to put themselves out there, by doing a lot of work outside school related to what they want to do in the future, such as work experience. In the end the most valuable advice that Professor Toope gave to Year 12 was to "Follow your passion", and he even said that was the best advice he got as well.

Mohammed Dhanji

Padholme Road

The road will be closed for seven days from Monday 16 July for roadworks. This means that there will be no access to the school via Padholme Road. Access via Star Road or Reeves Way will still be possible.



Parent Governor Election

You may vote for 2 of the following candidates:

Rukhsana Akhtar

Arthur Chapman

Krist Pereira

Amanda Pjetergjokaj

Only one voting slip per family allowed

**PLEASE RETURN TO RECEPTION / STUDENT SERVICES BY 9AM
ON MONDAY 16 JULY 2018**

City Sports Athletics

Year 9 & 10

On what was billed the hottest day of the year 42 students competed at their best against all schools from the Peterborough area. Students were selected based on their athletics results from their PE lessons and once again we were able to field competitive teams in both Year 9 and year 10. The SJF team performed well and there were a number of individual performances that stand out.

Vanessa Mukwahuri: 1st Triple Jump and 3rd High Jump; Bismillah Alam: 2nd Javelin; Gedi Kozik: 4th 800m; Matas Baranauskas 3rd 400m; Ruben Santos Silva: 4th Javelin; Trinity Francis: 4th High Jump; Klaudija Andrisiunaite: 200m finalist; Mario Rakytas: 400m finalist; Diogo Costa: 100m finalist.

Year 7 & 8

The SJF team performed exceptionally well on what was another scorching day. The overall team performance by both the Year 7 and 8's was one that showed superb team work and encouragement for each other.

Notable performances on the day were:

Adrain Bilicz: 1st 1500m; Isaac Fasanmi: 2nd 100m; Neilas Virsilas: 3rd 100m; De'Shaun Chambers: 3rd 100; Sebastian Adamczyk: 1st Shot; Airijus Sorocinskij: 3rd Javelin; Rhonda Pane: 2nd Shot, Elizabeth Desborough: 2nd Discus and 100m finalist, Aiste Vaitkeviciute: 4th 800m, Breannah Holton: 200m finalist.

All students were a credit to themselves and the school in both their performance and behaviour during both days.

Year 10 History Visit to the National Justice Museum Nottingham

Last week we went to the National Justice Museum in Nottingham. We discovered some interesting historic figures, including Elizabeth Fry (who was a prison reformer in the 19th century) and a prisoner who was facing capital punishment for his role in a riot. We were able to see a typical Victorian prison cell and how inmates were kept. In the afternoon, we experienced a real court case and as prosecution barrister I was very happy with the verdict - we won the case! It was an exciting day and I got to experience a lot of things that were scary, funny and interesting; I definitely won't forget it!

Sabina Strug - Year 10